

REMARKS

Claims 21-24 have been rejected under § 103 based on the Galton reference -
5 U.S. Patent 5,372,261. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that: the pending claims - Claims 21-24 - are similar to allowed Claims 14 and 15 in U.S. Patent 6,769,550, a parent of the present application; Claims 14 and 14 were allowed over the Galton reference (which was specifically cited against claims during the prosecution of the application leading to the
10 issuance of U.S. Patent 6,769,550); and that Claims 21-24 are now allowable.

Enclosed for the Examiner's convenience are a copy of U.S. 6,769,550, an Office Action (mailed 12/02/2003), and two Responses thereto from the application for U.S. 6,769,550. These clearly indicate that the claims similar to those now pending herein are patentable with respect to the Galton reference.

15 Applicants note that there is one word difference ("member," Claim 14, Line 9) between Claim 14 of U.S. 6,769,550 and pending Claim 21 of the present application; and one word difference ("member," Claim 15 Line 63) between Claim 15 of U.S. 6,769,550 and pending Claim 22 of the present application. Pending Claims 23 and 20 24 are similar to the allowed Claims 14 and 15 of U.S. 6,769,550. In anticipation of a Double Patenting rejection, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer regarding this application and U.S. 6,769,550.

Foreign References & Other Documents Reference on Form PTO-1499

25 Applicants note that none of the listing for the foreign references listed on the submitted PTO-1449 Forms have been initialled by Examiner; nor has the listing in the "Other Documents" section been initialled for the Int'l Search Report for PCT/GB03/00166. Applicants respectfully request that these items be considered and noted on the PTO-1449 Forms.

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